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1. CONGOLESE REP INTRODUCED CUBAN-INSPIRED DRAFT RES (REF A), CO-SPONSORED BY IRAQ, MALI AND SYRIA, AT COMITE OF 24 MEETING MORNING AUG 29. IN VITRIOLIC SPEECH, HE URGED FAVORABLE ACTION BY COMITE ON GROUNDS PUERTO RICANS "RULED BY IMPERIALISTS, SUBJECT TO UNBEARABLE EXPLOITATION AND IN DANGER OF BECOMING EXTINCT AS A PEOPLE." HE INDICATED OP PARA 2 OF RES AIMED AT PETROCHEMICAL SUPERPORT PROPOSAL SINCE "APPROVAL OF US OIL MONOPOLIES PLAN WOULD RESULT IN ECOLOGICAL GENOCIDE IN PUERTO RICO."

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2. SYRIA, CHILE AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA SPOKE IN SUPPORT OF

RES, CLAIMING THAT IT REPRESENTED MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE TO THEM AND THAT IN CONSULTATIONS THEY HAD ALREADY DISPLAYED SPIRIT OF COMPROMISE BY NOT INSISTING ON LANGUAGE CALLING FOR VISITING MISSION TO PR. CHILEAN SAID HIS DEL "GRATIFIED" THAT IT HAD TAKEN INITIATIVE IN WINNING COMITE APPROVAL OF HEARING FOR INDEPENDENCE REPS. CHILEAN ALSO REFERRED TO "NEFARIOUS CONSEQUENCES" OF SUPPORT AND SAID DRAFT RES "MEETS CONCRETE CONCERNS OF INDEPENDENCE LEADERS." CZECH SAID "SO-CALLED COMMONWEALTH IS FICTION CREATED BY METROPOLITAN POWER TO HIDE REAL STATE OF AFFAIRS" AND NOTED CUBAN-CZECH COMMUNIQUE OF APRIL 8, 1973 EXPRESSING SUPPORT OF SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE FOR PR.

3. VOTE ON RES LIKELY AFTERNOON AUG 30. ETHIOPIANS AND IRANIANS STILL INCLINED TO VOTE AGAINST BUT AUSTRALIANS NOW HAVE FIRM INSTRUCTIONS FROM CANBERRA TO ABSTAIN (IN SPITE OF AUSTRALIAN MISSION REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO CAST NEGATIVE VOTE). ETHIOPIANS BELIEVE THERE POSSIBILITY OF PICKING UP TWO ADDITIONAL NO VOTES FROM IVORY COAST AND SIERRA LEONE.

4. SINCE FIJIANS, INDONESIANS AND TUNISIANS ALSO APPARENTLY HAVE INSTRUCTIONS EITHER TO CAST NO VOTE OR ABSTAIN AT THEIR DISCRETION. AMB SCHAUFLELE MAKING HIGH-LEVEL INTERVENTION WITH THEM TO URGE NO VOTE.

5. SALIM, TANZANIAN PERMREP, (CHAIRMAN) WASHED HIS HANDS OF ISSUE YESTERDAY BY DEPARTING FOR ALGIERS NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE. BEFORE DEPARTING, HE TOLD AMB SCHAUFLELE THAT HE HAD IN FACT DRAFTED CONGOLESE RES IN HOPE OF ACHIEVING COMPROMISE THAT BOTH SIDES IN COMITE COULD ACCEPT BUT THAT HE WAS LEAVING INSTRUCTIONS FOR HIS DEPUTY TO SUPPORT ANY RES, EVEN SUBSTANTIALLY WEAKENED ONE, WHICH COULD GAIN MAJORITY BACKING. SINCE IRANIAN DEPUTY PERMREP HAS INHERITED CHAIR, IRANIAN ABILITY TO LOBBY ON OUR BEHALF SOMEWHAT DIMINISHED.
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